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This Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) establishes Air Force policy governing the assignment of Force/Activity Designator (FAD) ratings for prioritization of Air Force units, activities, projects, and programs. This directive is consistent with Department of Defense (DoD) 4140.1-R, *DoD Supply Chain Materiel Management Regulation*, and the requirements in Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 4110.01E, *Joint Materiel Priorities and Allocation*. This directive applies to all Air Force personnel, including Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, who review, validate, approve, and manage the use of FAD ratings. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the office of primary responsibility using the Air Force Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*. Route Air Force Form 847s from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located in the Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS).

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This directive has been substantially revised. Major revisions include: update of office symbols to reflect current HQ Air Force organization; change of format in accordance with current publications management guidelines; elimination of references to the defunct Priority Review Working Group (PRWG); update in publication roles and responsibilities; and elimination of the metrics used to measure compliance with this policy.

1. Purpose. This publication establishes Air Force policy governing the assignment of Force/Activity Designator (FAD) ratings for prioritization of Air Force units, activities, projects, and programs. The Department of Defense (DoD) governs the priority allocation of resources through the *Uniform Materiel Management Issue Priority System (UMMIPS)*. The UMMIPS uses FADs in conjunction with Urgency of Need Designators (UND) to establish a matrix of priorities for supply requisitioning and the transport system. A FAD is a rating, indicated by a Roman numeral (I through V), assigned by the Secretary of Defense (SecDef), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), or the Military Services to indicate the mission priority of a unit, program, activity, or project with respect to national objectives set by the President of the United States. FADs are ranked with FAD I being the highest, and FAD V being the lowest priority.

2. Policy.

2.1. In accordance with DoD 4140.1-R and CJCSI 4110.01E, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF) is delegated authority to assign FADs II through V to assigned units, activities, projects, and programs. This AFPD further delegates this authority to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Programs (AF/A8). FAD I recommendations are made by the CSAF.

2.2. In accordance with CJCSI 4110.01E, the Joint Materiel Priorities and Allocation Board (JMPAB) is the sole agency charged with performing duties for the CJCS in matters that establish materiel priorities or allocate resources. The Air Force member of the JMPAB is the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Installations and Mission Support (AF/A4/7).

3. Roles and Responsibilities.

3.1. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Programs (AF/A8):

3.1.1. Administers the FAD II through V program for initial assignment or change requests for Air Force units, activities, projects, and programs.

3.1.2. Obtains CSAF concurrence of FAD I request packages for Air Force units, activities, projects, and programs, then submits to the JMPAB for action.

3.2. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Installations and Mission Support (AF/A4/7):

3.2.1. Represents the Air Force as its member of the JMPAB.

3.2.2. Coordinates an AF position with AF/A3/5, AF/A10 (on Nuclear Enterprise equities) and AF/A8 on FAD assignment requests submitted to the JMPAB by sister Services, Combatant Commands, U.S. Coast Guard, and foreign countries for establishment and modification of FADs.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

Department of Defense (DoD) 4140.1-R, *DoD Supply Chain Materiel Management Regulation*, May 23, 2003

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 4110.01E, *Joint Materiel Priorities and Allocation*, July 19, 2012

Prescribed Forms

None

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFMAN—Air Force Manual

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

CJCS—Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

CJCSI—Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction

CSAF—Chief of Staff of the Air Force

DoD—Department of Defense

FAD—Force/Activity Designator

HQ—Headquarters

JMPAB—Joint Materiel Priorities Allocation Board

PRWG—Priority Review Working Group

RDS—Records Disposition Schedule

SecDef—Secretary of Defense

UMMIPS—Uniform Materiel Management Issue Priority System

UND—Urgency of Need Designators

Terms

Force/Activity Designators (FADs)—A Roman numeral (I to V) that the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, or a DoD component assigns to a unit, organization, installation, project, or program to indicate its relative mission essentiality. The FAD is an integral part of the UMMIPS. FADs used in conjunction with UNDs to establish a matrix of priorities used for supply requisitions. FADs are ranked with FAD I being the highest and FAD V being the lowest priority.

Uniform Materiel Movement and Issue Priority System (UMMIPS)—UMMIPS sets priorities for the issuance and movement of materiel. The system enables supply customers to use one of 15 priority designators when requisitioning supply items. These 15 priority designators are based on two components: the UND defines the relative importance of the item ordered to the unit's mission and the FAD defines the relative importance of the unit placing the order.

Urgency of Need Designator (UND)—Indicates the importance of a requisition relative to its mission and is assigned by the customer or requisitioner.